

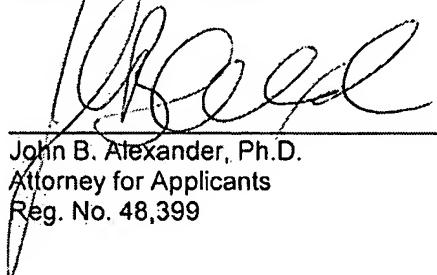
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 9-11 are in a condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the instant application in view of the instant claim amendments.

Claims 9-11 are pending in the instant application. Claims 12-24 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications. No new matter has been introduced by the cancellation of claims 12-24.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment and following remarks present no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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